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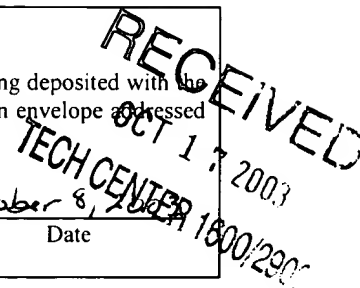
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
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**PATENT**

In Re Application of:

Zhong et al.

Serial No.: 09/928,614

Filed: August 13, 2001

Title: Methods for Stable Transformation of Plants

Group Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: Kallis, Russell

Atty Docket No.: S-31514A

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the remarks set forth herein.

This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a petition for a three-month extension of time and authorization to charge the requisite fee to Applicants' credit card. Hence, the period of response is hereby extended to October 22, 2003.